

Remarks/Arguments**I Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-43 are pending in the instant application. Claims 16-27 and 32-35 are currently amended to correct claim dependencies. Claim 37 is currently amended to correct a typographical error in the Markush group. No new matter is interposed by these amendments.

Claims 38-43 are withdrawn, consistent with the requirement for restriction imposed by the last Office Action.

II. Election/Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1-37, drawn to compounds, classified in class 546, subclass 112+.

II. Claims 38-43. drawn to compositions and methods of use. Classified in class 514, subclass 277+.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-37, drawn to compounds. Applicants reserve the right to rejoin Group II, drawn to methods of using compounds of Group I, upon a finding of patentability of the compound claims of Group I.

Applicants further elect (for purposes of initial prosecution) the compounds wherein X is sulfur, R¹ is (C₁-C₆)alkyl, R² is F, s is zero or one, R³ is R⁴, R⁴ is (R⁹)_m-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, m is one, R⁹ is (R¹¹)-[N(R¹⁰)]-(C=O)-O-; R¹⁰ is H, R¹¹ is R¹²-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, and R¹² is H. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 15, 18, 22-24, 32-36 and 37 (in part) read on the elected species. Specifically, the second, third, fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth named compounds of claim 37 read on the elected species.

III. Conclusion:

If the Examiner believes a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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